

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently amended) A computer-implemented method comprising:

receiving multiple electronic documents at a server that have been saved in the absence of an explicit command by a user to save the electronic documents and in response to another user specified function associated with the electronic documents;

selecting one or more of the multiple saved electronic documents for publication over a network;

transforming the one or more of the selected electronic documents to meet predetermined format- and content-based standards for publication if the one or more selected electronic documents do not meet the standards for publication;

generating authorization information corresponding to the selected electronic documents;

transmitting to one or more recipients the authorization information corresponding to the selected electronic documents;

transmitting a document resource identifier, automatically and in association with publication, to one or more independent World Wide Web indexing services; and

the server allowing access to a selected subset of the electronic documents by using the authorization information and the document resource identifier.

18. (Previously Presented) The method defined in Claim 17 wherein the document resource identifier comprises a Universal Resource Locator (URL) that has been sent from a server.

19. (Original) The method defined in Claim 17 further comprising preventing access to the electronic document once a condition exists.

20. (Original) The method defined in Claim 19 wherein the condition is a predetermined amount of time has passed.

21. (Original) The method defined in Claim 19 wherein the condition is the electronic document has been accessed a predetermined number of times.

22. (Currently amended) An apparatus comprising:
means for receiving multiple electronic documents at a server that have been saved in the absence of an explicit command by a user to save the electronic documents and in response to another user specified function associated with the electronic documents;

means for selecting one or more of the multiple saved electronic documents for publication over a network;

means for transforming the one or more of the selected electronic documents to meet predetermined format- and content-based standards for publication if the one or more selected electronic documents do not meet the standards for publication;

means for generating authorization information corresponding to the selected electronic documents;

means for transmitting to one or more recipients the authorization information corresponding to the selected electronic documents;

means for transmitting a document resource identifier, automatically and in association with publication, to one or more independent World Wide Web indexing services; and

means for allowing access to a selected subset of the electronic documents by using the authorization information and the document resource identifier.

23. (Previously Presented) The apparatus defined in Claim 22 further comprising means for automatically notifying a user that an electronic-mail message containing a Universal Resource Locator (URL) has been sent from a server.

24. (Original) The method defined in Claim 22 further comprising means for preventing access to the electronic document once a condition exists.

25. (Original) The method defined in Claim 24 wherein the condition is a predetermined amount of time has passed.

26. (Original) The method defined in Claim 24 wherein the condition is the electronic document has been accessed a predetermined number of times.

27. (Previously Presented) The apparatus defined in Claim 22 further comprising means for generating a security key as part of the authorization information.

28-32. (Canceled)

33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17 wherein the transforming the one or more of the selected electronic documents to meet predetermined content-based standards for publication comprises removing confidential material from the one or more selected electronic documents if the one or more selected electronic documents contain confidential material.

34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17 wherein the transforming the one or more of the selected electronic documents to meet predetermined content-based standards for publication comprises removing one of a group consisting of violent and pornographic material from the one or more selected electronic documents if the one or more selected electronic documents contain such material.

35. (Previously Presented) The article of claim 28 wherein the transforming the one or more of the selected electronic documents to meet predetermined content-based standards for publication comprises removing confidential material from the one or

more selected electronic documents if the one or more selected electronic documents contain confidential material.

36-39. (Canceled)

40. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17 wherein the authorization information comprises a user name and a password sent to an authorized user.

41. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 40 wherein the authorization information comprises a document identifier.

42. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 41 wherein the document identifier comprises a Uniform Resource Locator (URL).

43-45. (Canceled)